

November update from Rachel Spencer:

Dear friends,

Life and ministry here in France continue to keep me busy and to bring joys and challenges. As the weather starts to turn colder it is good to see our project 'heating up' with the arrival of a new teammate, new relationships developing and old ones deepening, and new opportunities to serve the community arising.



Dorothy arrived from Canada to join our team a month ago. I picked her up from the airport and just managed to squeeze her and her luggage into my tiny car! Dorothy speaks excellent French, and has a background in military and political law. Please pray for Dorothy as she adjusts to life in France, gets to know the team, and looks for opportunities to build relationships and serve those around her.

Together with two other teams in this area, we have been doing weekly training sessions on effective church-planting for multiplication. We are grateful for Karry and Charlyn, experienced church-planters who came from the USA for three months to offer us this training and to spend time mentoring us and developing our skills.



Last week we had our World Team France retreat, at a centre just a couple of miles from the coast in Brittany. Last year's retreat had to be cancelled due to the pandemic, and opportunities to spend time together as a wider team have been limited over the last two years, so it was wonderful to spend a week together. We were sixty people altogether (including 20 children), and we were blessed with wonderful weather, good teaching and lots of fun on the beach.

Prayer requests

Please continue to pray for my friend Irene, and her husband Chak who I have been able to get to know a little recently. They have both read the Gospel of Luke and I have been able to have some good conversations with Irene about God's love and grace. Please pray that she would come to understand that God's love is fully revealed through Jesus Christ.

Pray for Fatma, a high school student, who I have been able to get to know through English homework club, and her family who I have had the chance to meet recently. Fatma would like to spend some time in England next year which will be a good opportunity for her to experience life in a Christian family.

The Alpha course and parenting workshops will both start in January - please pray for those who will attend, that the Lord will be preparing their hearts over these next couple of months.

Financial Support - Please Read!

Due to some administrative misunderstandings and Brexit uncertainties, it has taken some time to work out my social security situation post-Brexit. I have finally been given the correct information, which is a relief. However, I now need to start paying into a French social security fund, which means that I need to increase my support by approximately £500 each month. If you can help with this, either as a new member of my financial support team, or by increasing what you already give, please use the link below to give through GEM UK.

Please also join me in praying that this extra support would be raised quickly, and that I will remember the way in which the Lord has always provided for my needs and not be discouraged or anxious.

Thank you, as always, to those who support me through prayer and finances - none of this work would be possible without you!